

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As an inventor named below, I hereby declare that:

- (1) my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
- (2) I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is disclosed and claimed, for which a U.S. patent is sought, on the invention entitled

"IMPROVED CHEMICAL DRYING AND CLEANING SYSTEM",

the patent specification and claims of which are attached hereto; and that this patent application is a continuation of a patent application entitled "CHEMICAL DRYING SYSTEM", U.S. Serial No. 089/ 034,369, filed 3 March 1998 by all of the inventors named below and assigned to the same assignee as this patent application;

- (3) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims;

- (4) I hereby acknowledge a duty to disclose information that is material to examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including any such information I have become aware of since the date of filing of the parent application, 23 September 1997;

- (5) I hereby appoint the following patent attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business concerning this application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

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- (6) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent that issues on this application.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
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As an inventor named in the above-identified Continuation In Part patent application, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for this patent application, the specification for which is filed with this communication.

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I have assigned my interest in the above-identified patent application to GARY W. FERRELL, 608 Terrace Avenue, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, who is a co-inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in this patent application and who qualifies as a small entity.

I acknowledge that I have a duty to file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in this patent application or any patent that issues on this application, a notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status before paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the Issue Fee or any Maintenance Fee due after the date on which small entity status is no longer appropriate, under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(b).

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